BAR HILL NEWS

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Next Issue will be February 2023. The deadline for articles will be January 12th

December 2022 Service Timetable

Every Monday, Usually 10- 12 in the Octagon (Opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for villagers of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

05-DEC	Coffee Stop & Foodbank	Citizens Advice, Health & Wellbeing
12-DEC	Coffee Stop & Foodbank	Citizens Advice, Carers Café 10.00 - 11.30
19-DEC	Coffee Stop & Foodbank	Citizens Advice, Health & Wellbeing
26-DEC	Coffee Stop & Foodbank	Citizens Advice, PC Surgery

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you

Citizens Advice: we have 9am and 10am appointments, please either email: **barhilladvice@gmail.com** or, send a PM: Kevin Potts using Facebook Messenger or, phone: and leave your details **0800 088 6522**

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers

Carers Café: On the **2nd Monday** of the month, by Maple Surgery, who will be providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery.

Parish Council Surgery: Speak in person with a Parish Councillor

BAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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EDITORIAL

December 2022/January 2023

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2022 (and the first of 2023)! Happy New Year!

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Trustees who have spent the last year working alongside me to set up the Community Association as our new charity to support the village.

I'd like to pay tribute to the Trustees who have stood down recently; Anne Benstead who has worked with both Residents and Community Association as Treasurer, and Amber Neale who worked with Laura putting together the Christmas Event which I am looking forward to, but which has yet to happen as I am writing this. Amber will leave us as a Trustee after this years event.

2023 is shaping up to be a very busy year for us. Current plans include; Jenni coming on board to see how we could support the Parish Council to develop the children's play area. Barry is arranging the memorial clock for the Parish Council offices, and Anthony is working with the Royal British Legion on a new project. Not to mention the Féte and NEXT years Christmas event!

And finally, I'd just like to say Merry Christmas & a Happy New year from everyone at the Community Association and working on the Bar Hill News - see you all in 2023!

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There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

All items should be submitted to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org**

NOTICES & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please send your letters & notices to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org**. Thank you!

Dear Residents,

I am the social prescribing link worker for Maple Surgery and I am trying to get a walking football group going locally. The group would be aimed at those interested who would like to play football and feel they do no longer want to run after the ball and other players but would still love to have a game and socialise with likeminded people.

If you're interested can you please contact me?

Kind Regards

Pekka Tuutti

Social Prescribing Link Worker, Maple Surgery. Cambridge Northern Villages PCN. e-mail: **p.tuutti@nhs.net**

Dear Residents,

I'd like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who came to support the Christmas Event this year.

I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and a big thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation.

If you would still like to donate the QR code on the right will take you to our PayPal site.

Thank you again,

Laura Chapman

[Editors note]: The back cover has a special link to Amazon Smile which will cause Amazon to donate a percentage of your purchases to the BHCA.

Dear Residents,

We would like to thank all of you for attending and supporting the PTA fireworks, with the generous support of the Bar Hill Community Association, JH fitness, Kameo recruitment, Herbies diner and Amethyst we were able to give the village a wonderful firework display. Without you all we wouldn't be possible.

Thank-you from the PTA

BAR HILL WARM HUB

The Community Hub (Page 2) is now also functioning as a Warm Hub, partnering with Bar Hill Community Association, Tesco, Knit & Natter.

We (the Bar Hill Community Association) are currently looking for volunteers - Please contact Anthony Mitchell - **anthonym@barhillca.org** - for further information or to volunteer

Dear Residents,

Bar Hill Colts Football Club are looking for a catchy football related slogan to have on our match day boards and banners and we'd like some help!

We're holding a competition during December, a winner will then be selected, and will receive a trophy.

Please email you entries to secretary.barhillcolts@gmail.com.

Good luck!

Demi Entwistle, Bar Hill Colts FC

The deadline for submissions is the second Thursday of the Month. Please send your article to **bhn-editor@barhillca.org** (PDF, Word, Pages, etc)

Crafts Shed Shedders Require New Premises - December 2022

CraftsShed members continue to meet in the Octagon Meetings Room, on Thursday Mornings from 0930 to 1230. Whilst extremely grateful to the Leadership of Bar Hill Church for letting us do this we still require new accommodation of approximately 60 to 80 Sq Metres. We are working with both the Parish Council and County Council to help find and secure a suitable venue. We believe purchasing a Unit for ourselves will be in the Region of £25K.

CraftsShed is a Registered Charity supporting our local Community. Many various benches have had a makeover in our village in the Childrens' Playground, Tennis Courts, Allotment Society and also near to the Scout Hut.

Harris and Hoole have kindly offered for us to have a small display. Please visit the coffee shop and purchase if you can. If you cannot see what you want then contact those below.

Hopefully you will have been able to visit our Stand at the Christmas Fayre. Should you still require an item to be made for Christmas please let us know as soon as possible, and we will do all we can to complete on time.

Individuals will continue to help make items, and as a group we will undertake small projects for our Community. There will be a display outside of the Octagon weather permitting.

If you are over 18 and would like to come and join us, please contact Chris or Nick below.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

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Community Feature - Happy Hours -AKA The Recycled Youth Club

I was invited by Anne Plumb, who runs the Happy Hours Club to come along to their meeting this week. The prospect of walking into a room full of strangers made me feel rather shy, but I needn't have worried. I was welcomed extremely warmly, invited to join a group and given a cup of tea by my friend Fran. Having been a resident of Bar Hill myself since 1983, there were of course, many friendly faces I already knew. I soon felt right at home joining in with the afternoon's activity, a Halloween themed quiz. I asked what the

group enjoyed about Happy Hours. It was unanimously agreed that getting together with friends for a good old natter and a cuppa was the main reason they came along. Anne Marie added "Anne (Plumb) is wonderful. She works so hard and tries to please everyone."

Moving around the room which was decorated with hanging bats, spiders and pumpkin lanterns, I spoke to some members who have been a part of the club for 25 years and others who only joined a few weeks ago. All agreed that the club is a happy and friendly one and Anne is indeed wonderful. Jackie told me "I was encouraged to join after my partner died. I really look forward to coming each week."

The Club which is open to anyone over the age of 50, is held on a Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm in the Social Club.The Social Club has a large open bar with big windows overlooking the village green. There is comfortable seating and the atmosphere is bright, warm and cosy.

Happy Hours, also known as The Recycled Youth, started its days in 1989 when members met in the Octagon on a Monday morning. The Youth Club was started by the late Jimmy and Phyllis James, ably assisted by Sid and Ruby Hunt and many others. Later the Club was run by Helen Collins until it was forced to close due to Covid. In 2021 the Club was started up again by Anne in its new home. Many of the members agreed that the Social Club is a more comfortable venue with the added advantage of being able to purchase a cold drink should one be required!

Anne told me she is Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Organiser. Clearly she is a multi-talented lady. It sounds like a lot of work, I ventured. "Yes, it is but I enjoy it, and I have a lot of help from the committee" Anne declared. "I love a party" she went on "We celebrate the Club's birthday, Christmas, New Year, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day...you name it!"

I asked how the Club is funded. Anne explained that members pay two pounds a week which covers tea, coffee and cake. Various fund raisers are held such as a raffle or an auction to cover the extra costs of the parties and the occasional local musical acts that are hired for the afternoon. Anne added that Tesco and the Social Club give generously to the Club.

If you'd to join the Happy Hours, do contact Anne on **01954 780364** or pop along to the Social Club on a Friday Afternoon.

By Bridget Wilson

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Membership entitles you to play at anytime but the courts are also available to hire for private play. Membership applications and individual court hires can all be booked and paid for "on line" via our website.

It might be December but subject to weather our Adult Club nights on Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30 to 9pm are still running. We play social tennis – very relaxed and catering for all standards.

Please come along and give tennis a try. We welcome players of all abilities.

We look forward to seeing you!

CONTACT:

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BAR HILL WARD - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

I wish all residents a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year for 2023. I hope and pray that 2023 may see things settling down so that we can concentrate our efforts to fighting climate change issues.

South Cambs DC are working hard to support the Homes for Ukraine programme. There is a lot of information on their website especially the 'Welcome Pack'. In addition to the initial monthly payments the Council has decided to make an additional 'opt in' payment of £150 per month to cover extra energy and other costs.

DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS PLEASE DO ACCESS THIS SUPPORT

This is a fund that South Cambs have which supports residents on Universal Credit or Housing Benefit with housing costs. South Cambs can award this to residents whose housing costs are not fully met by benefits, or where household costs are high, and they are in exceptional hardship. South Cambs are planning to add an extra £100,000 to this fund to use it to support more people. You can read the full eligibility criteria and find out how to apply at www.scambs.gov.uk/dhp or you can email benefits@scambs.gov.uk or call 01954 713 000 if you have questions.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's team of volunteers will collect your Christmas tree in January, hasslefree. Trees are chipped and used for mulch or composted. Residents of postcode areas CB1, CB2, CB3, CB4, CB5, CB21, CB22, CB23, CB24 plus Waterbeach or Landbeach can register for a collection at **www.arhc.org.uk/tree-recycling** Collections will be carried out between Friday 6 and Monday 9 January, and you can register up to 10am on Tuesday 3 January. Last year the Hospice's 170 volunteers collected 3,040 trees and raised over £58,000 for the charity!

Don't forget Reduce, Re-use and Recycle your way to a greener Christmas, item by item.

FOOD HUB IN BAR HILL

There is a Food Bank in Bar Hill, you can access this at the Hub in the Octagon on Monday mornings, please do come along

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Welcome & please contact me if you would like further information, help, or advice
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Advent & Christmas 2022

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We have joined marketplaces on facebook, Virtual Shop Local - East Anglia online Christmas market is until 24th December. Please request to join this Facebook group **https://www.facebook.com/groups/778630486315024/?ref=share** to grab yourself locally sourced, unique, beautifully crafted gifts for special friends and family. Other marketplaces where our catalogue is advertised are detailed on our facebook page **https://www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches/**

We are continuing to accept donations of unwanted crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay. We are still recruiting new crafters to our team, with some brightly coloured baby hats received recently.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters or display a small selection of our wares. Contact Mary Sanders on **01223 356615**. Further details are given on our website **www.rosieinstitches.org.uk**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe

Avril Williams

01954 782431

avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk

HAPPY HOURS - December 2022

The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you would like extra.

We are looking for new members to join us, so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and join us.

02-DEC: Bingo and a Quiz

09-DEC: NO CLUB

16-DEC: Bingo and a Quiz

23-DEC: NO CLUB – Informal get-together in main bar area

30-DEC: NO CLUB – Informal get-together in main bar area

06-JAN: Happy New Year and a Quiz

13-JAN: Bingo and a Quiz

20-JAN: Games and a Quiz

27-JAN: Burns Night/Scottish theme+quiz

03-FEB: Bingo and a Quiz

Give us a try, your first week is free!

It only remains to be said that we hope you all have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year. In the words of Carrie Fisher (1956 – 2016) actress – 'I don't think Christmas is necessarily about things. It's about being good to one another.'

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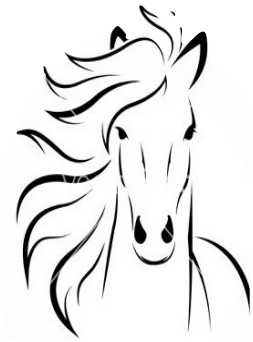

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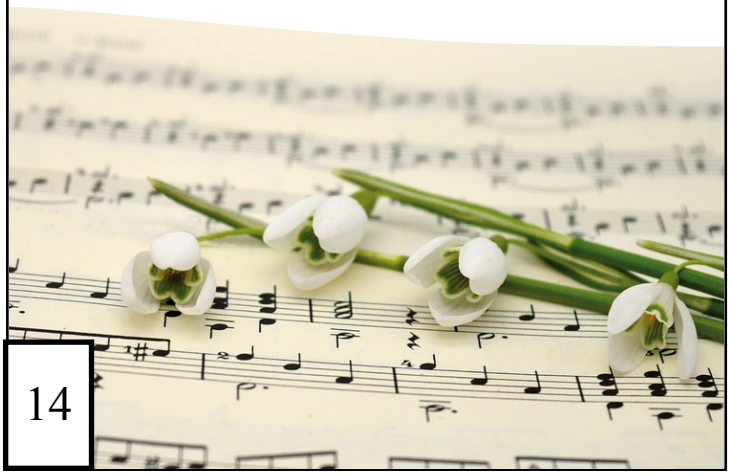
Rehearsals are every Wednesday 7.30pm-9.30pm at Histon Baptist Church, Station Road, Histon starting 5th October.

Choir secretary Susie Savage said, "We are so thrilled to be back to full in-person rehearsals at long last with our amazing new Musical Director, Chloë Allison. We would love new singers to join our friendly supportive choir whilst having a great time learning amazing choral music. Singing in a choir is such a joyful experience and a chance to meet like-minded people."

There are no auditions and free taster sessions: all abilities and voices welcome: Why not give it a go! Or come along to our concerts to celebrate the Christmas spirit with us!

To find out more please visit the choir's website **www.choir2000.org** or email us at **info@choir2000.org**



BAR HILL ROSARY GROUP

Dear All,

Rosary Group meetings have to be postponed until further notice. Nevertheless, this particular uncertain time might be a convenient moment for you to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus and Virgin Mary to find peace of heart. We may help you by giving away rosary beads with instruction on how to start praying. Whether you are new to rosary or not we encourage finding time for a faithful reflection. Please text your address to Agnes (**074 3255 0621**) and the free kit will be delivered to your door (in Bar Hill). God bless you!

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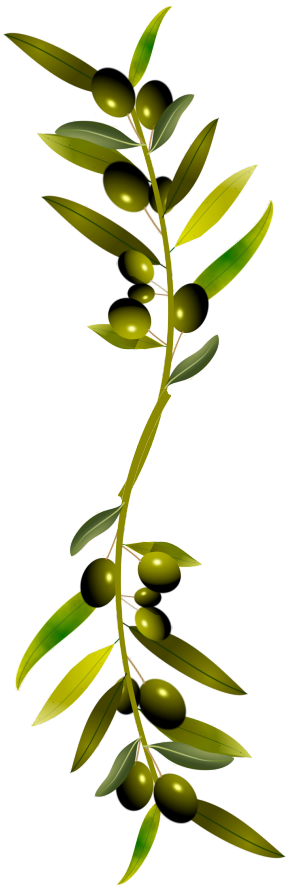

Our next meeting for members will be held on Saturday 10th December 2022 at 1030a.m. and 14th January in the Octagon as usual.

We will be pleased to see you if you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

We are conscious that the Winter is now approaching, and with the clocks having gone back, you may find this difficult to cope with, an extra feeling of isolation and loneliness. If this, is you perhaps you will come along and meet people experiencing this too?

This is a very welcoming group where you can talk quite freely and your confidence will be respected. There will be time to share your experiences, listen and have discussion as well as getting to know others in the group, with time for refreshments too.

If you are wondering whether the group is right for you, please phone one of us to talk about it.

The leaders, who are CRUSE Trained, and members of the group will offer a warm welcome and you will be in the presence of people who have been through loss and understand the particular pain and difficulties that this brings.

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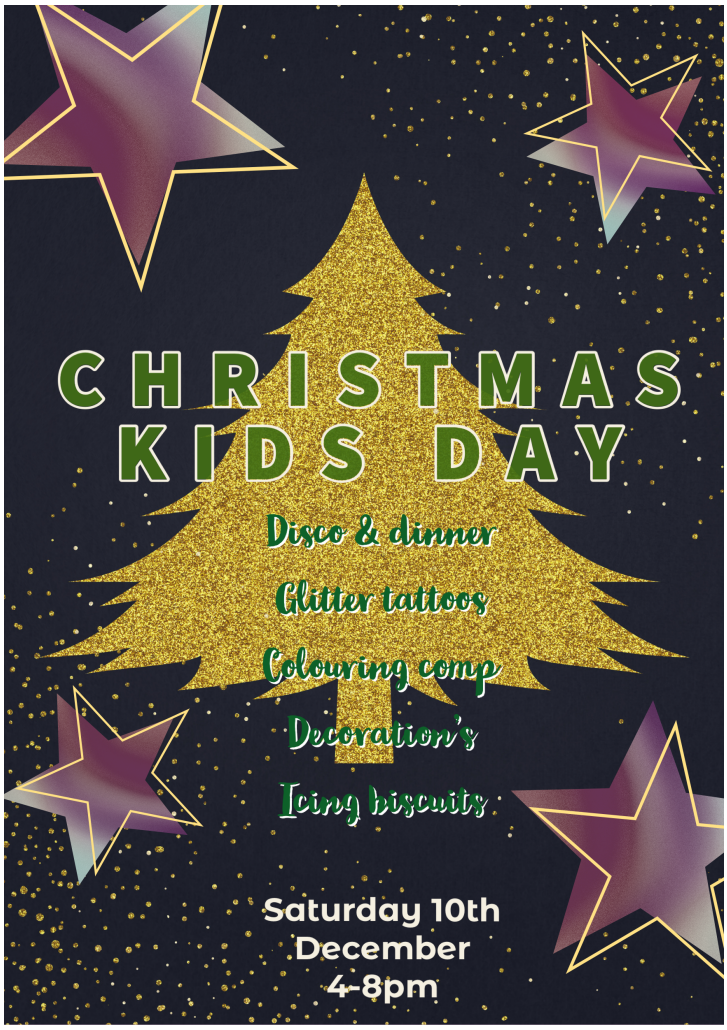
The Chancellor's statement on 17 November is keenly awaited by everyone involved with public services, as it will set the framework for public service funding. Certainly in the County Council and other local authorities it will be critical as it will be for schools, hospitals and social care. We are hoping for the best but preparing for the worst,

Meanwhile there is a lot of focus on buses and the struggle to improve them. Stagecoach decided to give up 18 routes (having received public money to subsidise its work post pandemic while ridership was recovering) and the Combined Authority (CPCA) rapidly had to re-tender for the 18 routes. They have been mostly successful, and have spent less money than they would have spent originally with Stagecoach. Meanwhile Stagecoach continues to reduce its services elsewhere in the County and there have been a number of extremely well-attended public meetings where the importance of different routes has been explained to Stagecoach, with some improvements made as a result. There is funding to support buses post pandemic, but this runs out in March 2023 and unless an alternative source of funds is found there will be further cuts to bus services then. At the same time the GCP (Greater Cambridge Partnership) is out to consultation with a number of proposals which have the ambition of creating a network of bus services in 'greater Cambridge' and beyond. Because there is no government funding the scheme has to be self-funded, which is why there is a proposal for raising money within it.

Please do participate in the consultation as it is vital that everyone's views are taken into account, there is definitely scope to influence the proposals but you need to let people know what you think. The consultation is here (website):

consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022



Cllr Edna Murphy - Bar Hill Division, Cambridgeshire County Council
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1st Bar Hill Scout Group

All sections have been active this term with the Beavers learning about wild life and the natural world on a walk to the nature reserve, growing mustard and cress, starting on basic knot tying and producing some interesting art on a firework theme which was messy but fun.

The Cub Scout section have been actively carrying out their training programme that included a weekend camp with lots of activities.

Scouts this term has seen the older section returning to a full programme including cooking on open fires, air rifle shooting, archery, a hike to Dry Drayton and Lolworth. A weekend camp is planned for late November, and various activities are being planned for next term.

All sections paraded at the Church for the annual service of remembrance.

MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE December 2022

If you have ventured into the Memorial Garden recently you cannot help noticing the major improvement. The Team now supported by new colleagues undertook a major clear up. There is still more to do. However, it was ready to receive the Wreath laying Ceremony ready for Remembrance Day.

It is with sadness that Isabel Wilson is standing down from the group. Isabel has worked since the inception of the garden and we are extremely grateful for all that she has done over the past decade.

Unfortunately, many of you may have noticed the deterioration in the sleepers on the exterior of the two flower beds. We plan to replace these in due course. However, this is going to be very expensive. It is hoped to replace with oak sleepers which will last longer. We have looked at Recycled Plastic but as yet they seem more expensive. A provisional estimate is £2500 for materials alone. As soon as we know a more accurate cost, we will issue an appeal.

Should you wish to place a Memorial Plaque then contact Chris Stannard on **01954 781978** or **07711 623425**. Email **c.e.stannard1@gmail.com**

December 2022

Bar Hill Primary School

Fireworks

We would like to thank everyone for their very kind donations towards the PTA Firework Display on the 4th November. Also a massive thank you to the following:

- Bar Hill Community Association
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We're delighted to announce that after costs, the PTA raised over £1,300.00 for the School! Congratulations also to Ayla who was the lucky winner of the raffle and got to press the button that started the amazing Fireworks. We have received such brilliant feedback from everyone and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Remembrance Service

Children from school attended the Remembrance Service in Bar Hill on the 1st November laying wreaths on behalf of our School and their local Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs and Scouts. At the time of writing we were also selling Poppies in school to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

Community Book Pledge

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Bar Hill Church Knit & Natter

We are now regularly meeting again in The Octagon from 1.15 pm on Thursday until 3.00 p.m. It has been lovely to welcome back our established members as well as welcoming some new ones. All are welcome.

As a well established group, we enjoy our knitting and definitely enjoy nattering. Part of our afternoon's programme now includes some much needed stretching and strengthening exercises aptly led by Wendy and then there is always the tea and cake!

We continue to knit for any charity that requires our out-put and mostly baby clothes and blankets which are needed by several organisations. We are always very grateful for donations of wool to complete our garments and projects and I would be pleased to collect any wool you can spare, or bring it along and meet us all.

We have recently enjoyed a Jubilee Party together and offered Her Majesty the Queen a toast of grateful thanks for her outstanding reign of service. An enjoyable time was had by all.

This group is right for anyone who wants to make new friends and find out more about what is going on in the village and to be included in events as they happen. You will be most welcome to join us.

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Facilities and Governance

The site has undergone various small extensions and a complete rebuild over the years to continually improve the facilities such as the provision of WiFi.

The large Main Hall has multi-purpose vinyl flooring, making it flexible for all types of events. There is a kitchen alongside the Hall with a serving hatch, making it useful for self-catering at parties, discos and the like. The licensed bar can be booked on request and will be serviced by the Sports and Social Club. The Hall opens out onto a large patio area that is ideal for external activities or a spill-over for internal events and has two bolted gates that lead off the premises.

There is also a small Meeting Room, with its own independent access and great for meetings of up to 10 people.

The Village Hall is a UK-registered charity (number 1002579) and run by a committee of trustees who are committed to the on-going development of the Village Hall's role as a key community facility.

To make a booking, please visit our web site **barhillvillagehall.com** and then email **enquiries@barhillvillagehall.com** to confirm arrangements.

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Parish Council Christmas Hours

The Parish Council offices will be closed for Christmas from the 24th December 2022 to the 2nd January 2023. Normal business hours will resume from 3rd January 2023.

Correspondence

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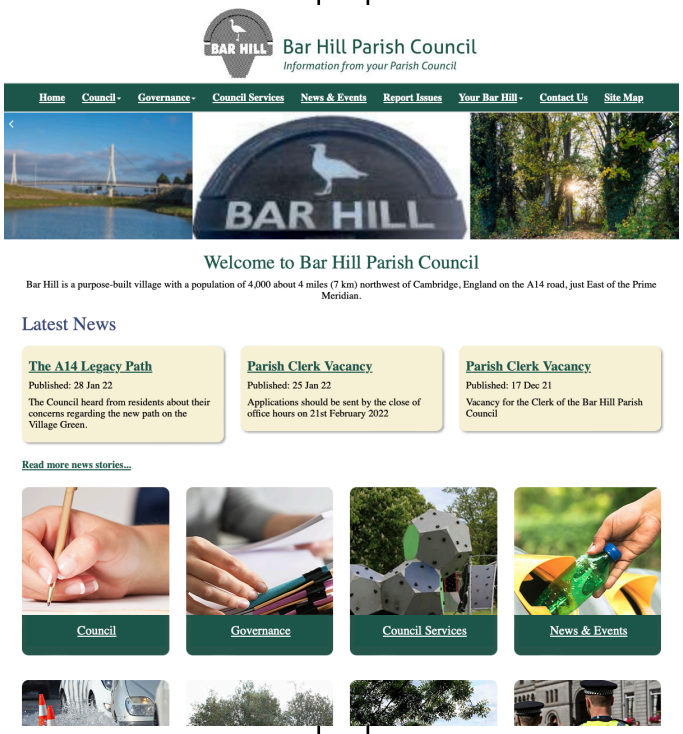

Facebook Page

Bar Hill Parish Council now have a Facebook page where up to date information can be found about the village as well as useful links.

Skate Park

Bar Hill Parish Council have not committed to any funding for a Skate Park at the current time.

Trip Hazards

Please can residents check behind their fences for overgrown brambles etc as they can be a trip hazard.

Fly Tipping

It has come to the attention of the Council that fly tipping has been going on around the village. If the responsible person(s) cannot be found the clear up falls to the council. The costs for removal are then payable by the council from taxpayers' money. Please could residents dispose of their waste correctly

Next Meeting Dates

Full Council Meeting: 15 December 2022

Environment & Amenities Committee Meeting: 7 December 2022

Finance & Policy Committee Meeting: 13 December 2022

Precept Meeting: 13 December 2022

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We are now well into the new season, and it has been a mixed start for both teams. The first team have won two games, drawn one, and lost one. Our reserves have won two and lost three games. These are early days as we continue to grow as a club, I have detailed our upcoming December home fixtures below :-

11-DEC: 10.30 ko – Bar Hill 1st Team v Waterbeach Sunday FC 1st Team

18-DEC: 10.30 ko – Bar Hill Reserves v The Sunrisers First (World Cup Final day so why not come down and watch us on the village green and then watch the final at 3pm at Bar Hill Sports and Social Club which overlooks the green)

We are always looking for new players to join us. If you are interested in playing for Bar Hill FC, please contact me.

On October 1st, Bar Hill FC held its second virtual dog race night at Bar Hill Social Club. We managed to raise the remaining funds required to pay for our new goals, so it was a successful night but also lots of fun thanks to the best disco in Bar Hill aka "Cashy". Bar Hill FC would like to thank Bar Hill Social Club for lending us the money to purchase the goals and for their continued support. We would also like to thank the Bar Hill Village Hall Management Committee who allow us to use their changing rooms.

On Sunday October 16th, Bar Hill FC played in a charity match to raise funds for Tommy Cheesley. Tommy suffered life changing injuries in a road accident last year, so the match was arranged to raise funds to help Tommy and his family make adaptations to their home. Bar Hill FC played Tommy's old colts team in a match watched by well over 100 people – although the result was never going to be the important thing on the day the final score was - Bar Hill FC 3 Bar Hill Colts 1

After the game we ran a virtual dog race afternoon, raffle, and auction at Bar Hill Social Club. In total, we raised in excess of £4000.00 which will really help Tommy and his family. It was great to see Tommy there with his friends and old team-mates, many of whom he had not seen for a while. It was also lovely to see so many people both during the game and at the Social Club – this really was a case of the village coming together to help one of their own. Special thanks to Rob Humphreys, Tommy's old football coach, whose idea it was to stage the event. Additional thanks to Jim, Dan, and Kieran Marsh for their help in both the planning and delivery of the event. The following local businesses also deserve recognition as they all sponsored the event: **Strata, Puddini, Bar Hill Menzies Hotel, Urban Cars, Bar Hill Sports and Social Club.**

Thanks also to Tesco who donated a hamper as a raffle prize plus bottles of water for the match, and to Dean Calcutt who made a delicious looking cake as a raffle prize (would never have thought it Dean). Last, but not least, a big thank you to Matt Lee for his generosity on the day.

I will be returning to the history of Bar Hill FC in the new year. Everyone at Bar Hill FC would like to wish all the readers of the Bar Hill News a very Merry Xmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Steve Williams **07564 817786**

Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

After the break due to covid restrictions we are back to playing bowls again.

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 10pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £2 per week but the 1st week is free.

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Our meetings for 2023 will be held in The Meeting room of the Octagon at 7.30pm on the following dates

Thursday 23rd February, Thursday 27th April, Thursday 22nd June,, Thursday 28th September and our AGM will be on Thursday 26th October.

We would like to say thank you to all the people who have volunteered to help with Poppy Appeal this year, and all those who attended the Wreath Laying service.

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BAR HILL FOOTBALL PROJECT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9 PM, TUESDAY 13TH
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND
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Helping hedgehogs in December.

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For help and advice on hedgehogs contact Liz Dams , Trustee of Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity and Education Officer at Shepreth Wildlife Park/ Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital **07947 361187**.

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Thursday 5 May 6-8 pm

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Tuesday 24 May 6-8 pm

If you would like any further information do contact Alyson on tel: 07958 444047, email: opensessions@cotonbowlsclub.co.uk, or check out our website: www.cotonbowlsclub.co.uk

Over Day Centre General Meeting

Wed 7th Dec 2022 at 19:00

at Over Day Centre, Drings Close, Over, CB24 5NZ.

Over Day Centre is holding a general meeting, with a 'Transfer Resolution', to change the structure of our charity as follows:

i. The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (COI) has agreed to accept the assets from the old charity, number 800829.
ii. The new CIO accepts that any permanent endowed assets will continue as permanent endowment.
iii. The new CIO intends to use the transferred assets for similar purposes, where reasonably practicable.

We are inviting residents of Bar Hill to come to the meeting and become members of our charity. Please contact Minutes Secretary / Administrator, Halina Szulakowska: 01954 231807, minutes@overdaycentre.co.uk. You will receive an application form with information about the membership role and our charity.

ABOUT OVER DAY CENTRE

Over Day Centre was established in 1989 to provide care, friendship, and the opportunity to socialise, for older people living in Cambridgeshire. Qualified staff attend to medical and personal client needs, whilst providing recreation and entertainment Monday to Friday. A two-course, freshly cooked lunch is served daily, and residents of Bar Hill are entitled to use our free minibus service. Our charity also provides respite for the family/carers of the loved ones that attend the Centre.

"I live on my own. The Centre gets me out of the house. But I wouldn't be able to attend at all if it wasn't for the free minibus. I find it hard to walk now, so this is the only time that I get to go out on my own, without being reliant on family or neighbours. I've been going to the Centre for 9 years and it has helped me make new friends. The staff are lovely."

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When the surgery is closed please call 111 for medical assistance, or 999 for a life threatening emergency.

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Details of local Pharmacies that will be open over the bank holidays will be posted on the surgery doors, and also on social media and our website.

Flu Vaccinations

Appointments still available. Please support your surgery and contact our receptionists to book your appointment.

Winter Illness

There are loads of winter bugs already circulating in our communities. It might feel like you've been ill forever, but some things do take a while to clear. You can get medication from the pharmacy to help relieve the symptoms whilst you recover.

Help your local NHS this winter

Here are some small things you can do that will make a big difference to help the NHS this winter

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- Keep a well stocked medicine cabinet

Carers Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meeting on Weds 7th December at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop in meeting between 2pm and 4pm. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE!

All the staff at Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries would like to wish our patients a happy and healthy Christmas

Winter Pressures

With the Christmas period fast approaching, I would like to emphasise the strain currently being experienced by the NHS, and in particular GP practices. There is unprecedented demand not just at Maple but nationwide. So please with prescriptions be mindful that turnaround times may be affected. Our administration team is fully staffed and are working tirelessly to meet the demands of the role in the lead up to Christmas. Therefore any abuse they should receive has been placed under zero tolerance by myself.

Staffing

I am pleased to welcome back Fiona Edwards our second nurse who has now returned to work following long term illness. We are all looking forward to her getting back into her role and providing the highest level of care to patients of Bar Hill.

I am also pleased to announce the return of Cindy Millar who is an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) to the practice. She will be providing a vital role of face to face ANP sessions for patients and we look forward to her starting in December.

Our GP's remain locums hired here but they remain long term members of staff or returning members of staff. We continue to provide GP appointments 5 days a week and have an allocation for GP appointments at Over on Saturdays.

Flu Vaccinations

DO NOT FORGET!

Anyone over 50 and adults under this age with eligible underlying health conditions can book for a vaccination at the surgery. If you have not already received a flu vaccination please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. In addition we are doing nasal flu vaccinations for 2-3 year olds. All other children should be provided with flu vaccinations at school.

Working with the Community

Carers Café at The Hub every second Monday of the month remains a great success. I have liaised with Pam Vendy one of our carers café attendees and PPG members and she has provided some fantastic ideas going forward. Pekka our carers champion has been working hard to get external speakers involved. I am pleased to report we now have speakers in place for the next two occasions so look out for communication about that very soon.

The carers café has been a great success since its inception for carers to meet up for a natter over a cup of tea. It helps to distribute information about funding and any other queries you may have, and meet others in the area who are in a similar situation. If you would like to attend please contact the practice and we can put your name down for the next café.

From discussions between myself and Dr Derek Ford the head of the PPG we are looking to utilise the Hub space further. We are currently devising more health activities and health groups that can occupy this space, and provide a benefit to the people of Bar Hill. I look forward to discussing this further with the PPG and if you have an idea please pass it on to myself at the practice or a member of the PPG.

On behalf of all members of staff here at Maple Surgery I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Leprosy Mission
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As Christmas post begins to arrive, please take a moment to save the used stamps as they can be put to very good use. Every year, thousands of pounds are raised for Leprosy Mission, helping to fight the effects and stigma of Leprosy, a devastating, yet needless, disease.

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Pam Vendy

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- If you always need to put out extra recycling, order a free extra blue bin via the South Cambs website

Hopefully this guidance will be useful in the run-up to Christmas which is the time of the year when a lot of additional waste is generated!

Bar Hill Childminders

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We accept 2,3 and 4 year old funding and the Government Tax Free Childcare payments.

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Jacky - **07718447998**– ages 6 months upwards. Term-time and all year round. Spaces expected from September 2023

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Kirsty - **07584168909** Over the hill Out of School Club - Preschool year upwards. Wrap around and holiday care.

Every season has different learning opportunities and Autumn brings lots of amazing possibilities to explore the natural world around us. As Childminders we have spent time with the children over the last few weeks blackberry picking, we watched the leaves change colour and had fun running through them and kicking them and then collecting them to make pictures, we've searched for conkers and used our feet to open the spiky shells.

We've been busy indoors too, we've enjoyed baking cheese scones in leaf shapes, they smelt amazing! We've learnt why some animals hibernate through winter, what their homes are called and why it is important to put food out for the birds who visit our gardens.

There are lots of festivals and events to celebrate during October and November, we made spooky ghost feet during Halloween, colourful Diya lamps to recognise Diwali and sparkly firework pictures for bonfire night. We watched a short film about Remembrance Day and decorated some Poppy pictures to show our respect. Children in Need saw us go all spotty for the day and during Nursery Rhyme week, we enjoyed using our musical instruments and singing our favourite nursery rhymes, we even learnt some new ones! For Road Safety week we practised how to cross the road safely and got certificates.

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In January we will celebrate the New Year and explore Winter and Arctic animals.

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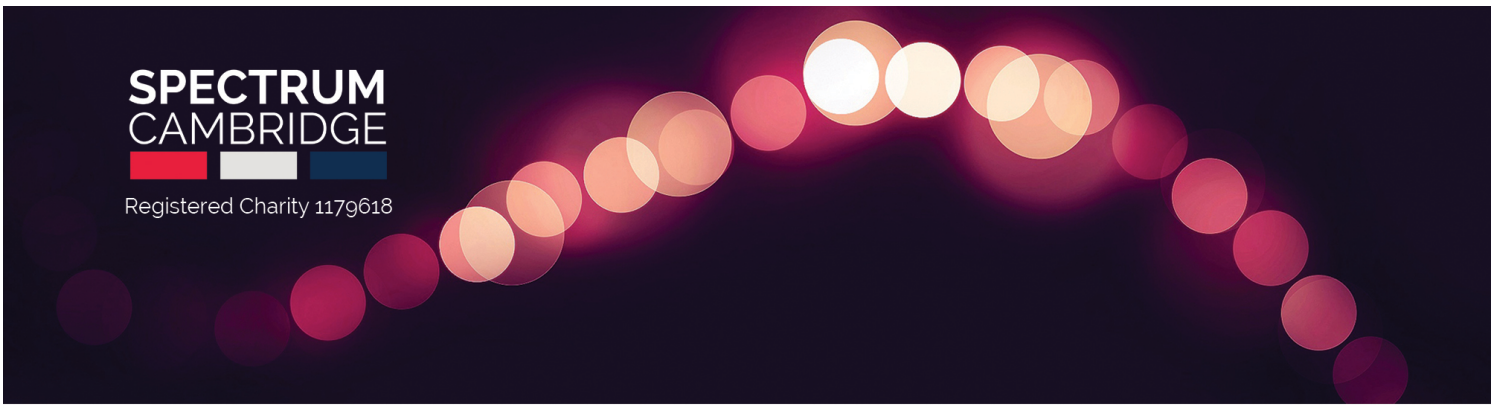

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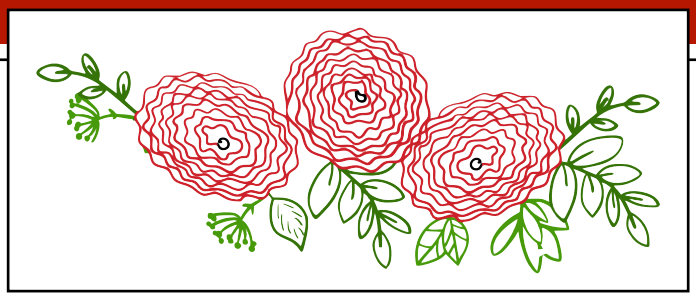

2022 Armistice Day Wreath Laying

By Anthony Mitchell (BHCA Trustee)

The Royal British Legion wreath laying ceremony was at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 1st November 2022. Residents gathered for a short service of Remembrance & Prayer, the laying of the wreathes, the Exhortation, Last Post and Reveille. Followed by a short act of Commitment and a Blessing.

In attendance to lay wreaths were The Royal British Legion - Bar Hill, Tesco, Domino, Happy Hours, Total Relaxation, Eight O'clock club, Knit and Natter, The Girl guides, Brownies and Rainbows, The Scouts, Bunty Waters - Chair of Bar Hill Parish Council and Anthony Mitchell - BHCA Trustee.

Donations can still be made to the Poppy Appeal online at the following web address - **https://tinyurl.com/24stnf3x**. Please don't forget to Gift Aid if you are eligible to do so.

The-service-was-taken by Di Gunton.

"It is-a pleasure-and a privilege to hold our laying-of the wreath ceremony every year and I- want to thank-Malcolm-for allowing me to lead the service this morning. I think it is-a lovely way for both young and old to come together to remember the sacrifices. of all those in the war. "

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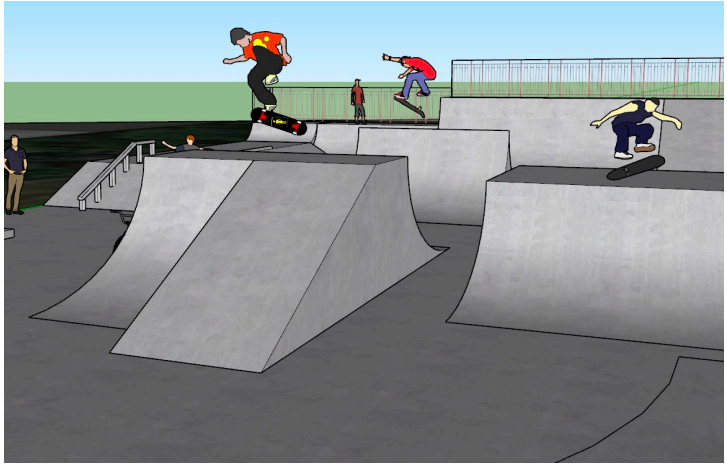
SAXON PARK/ BAR HILL SKATEPARK - December 2022

Last month there was an article about the skatepark that read, "We are still committed to offering a skatepark for the village with a maximum cost of around £1/ month." It appears that this statement has raised some concerns amongst residents and so we, the Bar Hill Skatepark Working Party, would like to apologise for any confusion and would like to clarify the situation. We would also like to note that the statement came from the Working Party and not from the Parish Council.

Firstly, to put minds at rest, we continue to explore our options and no decision has been made. The key word is “offering”. As a working party we have been discussing various options for a skatepark with updates and invitations to join us published each month in the Bar Hill News. Discussions have included indoor/ outdoor options, potential locations, suitability for scooters, skateboards and BMXs, intended target audience, building materials, designs and so on.

Once all factors have been taken into account, the aim is that we come up with a concrete suggestion for what to offer the village. The village would then vote one way or another whether it is something they would like to happen. At the summer fete we managed to talk to 118 people. 97% were in favour.

Regarding the cost, while there is funding available from charitable organisations, it would not cover the whole cost of a skatepark. Consequently, if residents voted in favour and the Parish Council approved

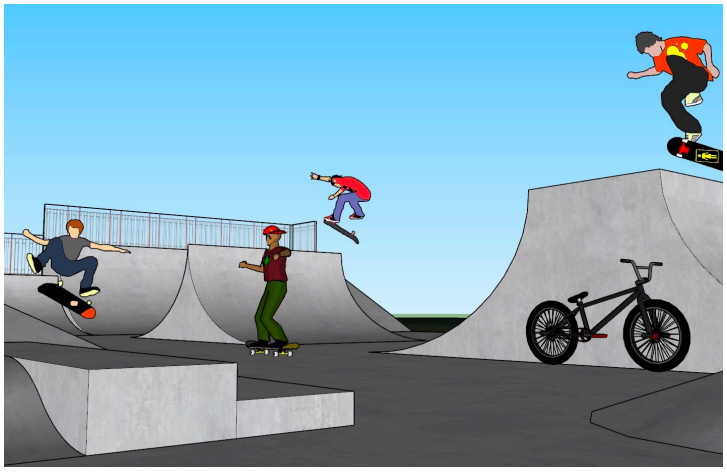


it, then there would need to be additional funding. As a working party we decided that any amount greater than £1 per household per month would be automatically deemed unacceptable, hence the statement of a maximum cost of £1/ month.

We hope this helps clarify the situation. If you’d like to see more about the old skatepark please watch **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_LgOendOWsE**.

Our next meeting will be at the Fox on Tuesday 6th December at 6:15pm, all are welcome.

Bar Hill Skatepark Working Party



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